

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2017

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer Mrs. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Wesley Heyser and Mrs. AmyBeth Hodges. Mr. Jacob Schindel was absent. Staff present included: Mayor Theodore Streeter, Solicitor Harold Eastman; Manager Charles Gable, Borough Secretary Sara Stull; Planning Director Becky LaBarre; and Parking Manager Karen Mesher.

Others present include: Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Linda Atiyeh, Gallery 30, 26 York Street; Patti Lawson, 515 Carlisle Street; Chris Berger, 156 Seminary Avenue; Gene Golden Gettysburg Signs, 145 Herrs Ridge Road; Sharon Monahan, 114 West Broadway; and Carol Miller, 47 North Hay Street. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

President Robert Krummerich an executive session of the Borough Council was conducted immediately following the adjournment of the April 10, 2017 Borough Council Business Meeting consistent with sections 708(a)(1), 708(a)(2), 708(a)(4) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act for the following reasons and purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment, the terms and conditions of employment and the evaluation of performance of current or former Borough employees; (2) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property by the Borough; (3) to consult with the Borough Manager, the Mayor and the solicitor regarding information in connection with litigation filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to Docket No. 17-cv-277 captioned Brandi Courtesis v. Borough of Gettysburg, et al; (4) to consult with the solicitor regarding information in connection with litigation filed in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania to Docket No. 17-cv-129 captioned Derek J. Twyman v. Christopher B. Folster, et al; and (5) to review and discuss Borough business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or could lead to the disclosure of information or matters of confidentiality protected by law.

There was no public comment at this time.

New Business:

Management of the Square - Developing a Policy for Public Displays

Manager Gable said that request have come in for the use of displays to be placed on the circle in downtown Gettysburg, and asked Council to develop a policy for this.

After Councils discussion on this matter it was a consensus to ban anything to be placed in the center circle, due to health and safety hazards from citizens walking to the

circle to view the displays despite there are no crosswalks. Solicitor Eastman will review to see what formal action should be taken by Council.

Chapter 19 – Sign Ordinance

Councilman Heyser presented Council members information prior to the meeting in regards to the sign ordinance stating that it needs to be simpler and business friendly. He said that the ordinance is too restricted and should be reviewed in its entirety.

After some discussion there was a consensus to review the ordinance in the coming months. Council will also seek input from the public and local sign businesses. Solicitor Eastman will investigate the pros and cons of keeping the sign ordinance outside the zoning ordinance.

Public comment:

Judi McGee, 256 Baltimore Street, said that after attending numerous meetings over time has noticed several things that Council should be aware of when working with the public: communication, common sense, human decency and good taste.

Moved Mr. Pitzer, seconded Mr. Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull
Borough Secretary